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## Diaries Of An Oguua Fisherman: A 12 Year Old Pregnant Girl In Oye Lithur's Arm Strangled By SADA AND CEDECOM

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When the issue of teenage pregnancy arises in Ghana, one is sure to read striking and catchy headlines from online portals, the Dailies and the Weeklies. Headlines such as , "Stakeholders strategize to eradicate teenage pregnancy", "Gender Ministry strategize to eradicate teenage pregnancy", "Gender Ministry to lead a 10-year plan to check teenage pregnancies", and " Gender Ministry alarmed with teen sex statistics" are a regular feature in our media practice.

Sadly, when the statistics are released every year, the same headlines are recurrent. Strategic plans are launched; MoUs are signed and workshops upon workshops are organized but the results are akin to Chelsea's exploit in this season's English Premier League- nothing to write home about.

In Ghana today, there is no need to 'sebitically' speak about teenage girls getting pregnant anymore. With the alarming proportions and the numbers being spoken about, the thought of a 12 year old girl getting pregnant is not only shocking and heartbreaking but also shakes the very foundation of the moral fabric of the country.

Being a fisherman with an enormous experience and blessed with a lot of travels along the coastal belt of the country, I see a great sign of hopelessness and depravity registered on the faces of the people especially, my fellow fisherfolks.

At Elmina, one of the largest landing beaches in the country, teenage pregnancy is no longer an issue whispered in the ears anymore but a practice that is fast gaining wide range acceptability. Teenagers between the ages of 12 and 16 engage in sex like students going for dining- it is a regular occurrence. They get pregnant with reckless abandon in the almost-free sex they offer.

To say the girls are vulnerable is to say fishes live in water. Many have dropped out of school because their parents are unable to cater for their education hence their pregnant status. Others who had the privilege and the desire to have a formal education had their ambitions battered and punctured because they got the fortunate gift of becoming pregnant but at an unfortunate age bracket of 12 – 16 years, saddled with an unfortunate situation of poverty.

My worst nightmare was meeting a 16 year old girl at 'Brofoboba ho', a suburb of Elmina who was expecting her second child. Can you guess the questions I asked myself? A few of them to corroborate

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your guess. When did she start having sex? At what age did she have her first child? Where is her 'husband'?

Girls like the 16 year old I met mention all manner of professions that they wanted to become a part of but have unfortunately had their education truncated by becoming pregnant. Does society care about the current phenomenon that is posing a security threat? Is it an issue of organizing workshops and also presenting the statistics to Ghanaians like how the budget is presented or read to parliament at every single opportunity?

Of all the experiences, one interesting encounter I had was with one neighbour who lives three houses away from where I lodge at Elmina whenever I visit. Esi Mensima as she is known and called is 39 years of age and lives in a single-room apartment with his husband. She currently has 9 children and is heavily pregnant with the 10<sup>th</sup> child. She frankly and boldly represents to me the naivety of how her daughters struggle at night getting a place to put their heads. During the day time, the children fend for themselves and fall prey to men who have no regard when it comes to choosing their sexual partners.

Sadly, none of Esi Mensima's 9 children has seen the fore walls of a classroom before. The children are easily preyed upon by some of my colleague fishermen who seek satisfaction in having sexual encounters with children like Esi Mensima's. The life the child-bearing spirit of Esi Mensima is inherited by her daughters who begin the cycle. Can such a cycle ever end? Do we need a 10 year plan of checking teenage pregnancy for the cycle to be broken?

Along the Coast of Ghana and all over the country, a sad spectacle and a looming danger await us if institutions mandated and funded with the tax payers' money to reduce poverty continue to misapply and misappropriate the funds meant to minimize such occurrences.

Despondently, in the Central Region where monies have been given to CEDECOM to reduce poverty, it could only use the monies to build a fence wall around a Cemetery at Agona Swedru; construct a rest stop at a cost of about Eight hundred Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 800,000) in a water-logged area and a place unfit the purpose; commence a construction of a project and leaves the project to restart a new one because they had a change of mind; and rehabilitate shabbily the Swedru Sports Stadium at a whopping cost to the tax-payer (yet the Stadium cannot be used).

These are but a few things that have seen monies been thrown away without the authorities questioning them and redirecting their focus. For SADA, the Guinea fowls are yet to come back from Guinea where they were alleged to have run to while the trees planted by SADA are yet to germinate.

Couldn't these monies have been channeled into empowering the girls and the women in the society by reducing their vulnerability? Couldn't the monies have been used to build big artisanal houses and workshops where the girls and women would be taught how to sew dresses, bake bread and other catering needs; learn spraying and fitting and many more employment opportunities for free and consequently setting them up after their trade?

Would such a girl run after my colleague fisherman for fish in exchange for sex? Won't these girls be able to continue receiving a quasi-formal education while they learn their trade?

Would the Central region, for instance, record over 14,000 teenage girls between the ages of 12 and 16 if these measures were put in place?

Do CEDECOM and SADA exist only in names? I knock your doors through the Gender Ministry to open a window of opportunities to the young girls and women in our society.

Are the arms of Nana Oye Lithur too feeble to notice these hands of CEDECOM AND SADA hunkering with spears poised to snuff out the soul of the rest of the teenagers from her hands? Are we bereft of practical approaches other than succumbing to reading the same headlines over and over?

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